

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATED AT
IOWA CITY.

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REPORT.

To the Twenty-second General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed under provisions of House Concurrent Resolution to visit the State University of Iowa, state that they have performed that duty, and beg leave to submit their report.

The public institutions of a State are usually accepted as a fair index of the spirit, character and prosperity of its people. They point the place on the great dial of Progress reached by the State in its care for those humane, charitable, reformatory and educational interests which most concern the people in their representative capacity. Especially are these statements well laid when the institutions devoted to the education of the youth of the State are concerned. The good that flows from them is not confined to the individuals who have passed the requisite course of studies there, nor yet in the grateful emotions of State pride they call forth, but it is in the hopeful, promising young men and young women, who from year to year, having finished the prescribed course of these schools, go out from these places well equipped for the struggle of life, themselves the examples which inspire in others a desire for a better education, and thus increase the general interest in educational advancement. While the large sums of money required from time to time for the support of these institutions, may seem to add greatly to the volume of other demands upon the public purse, they at the same time appeal with great force to a people ambitious for the future of their State.

That this Institution has suffered to an appreciable extent from the agitation growing out of the great reform measures which have prevailed in our State during the past four years should not be overlooked, in the opinion of the committee, in this report. This condition of affairs results rather from the fact of its location than from any cause within or connected with the control of the Institution itself. Extended inquiry was made by the committee in this direction as to the present

condition in this respect. The surroundings with which the youth of the State are to be brought in contact in these educational institutions is the legitimate subject of discussion and public concern. While, it is no doubt true, that the laws regarding the suppression of the sale of intoxicants are not so fully enforced in the city in which the Institution is located, as is to be desired, the public records show that this city compares most favorably with other Iowa cities of like population in point of order and good morals. The changes that have been made by the Board of Regents in the faculty have inured to the public good, in that greater harmony and hence less embarrassment to the progress of the Institution, is insured. Under the able management of President Schaeffer and his assistants, the affairs of the Institution are in a most healthy state.

The report of the Board of Regents to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and of the President to the Board of Regents, for the biennial period ending August, 1887, already before you, embraces a statement of the names and number of persons employed, and the salaries paid.

Reporting on the first question submitted in the resolution we would say that in our judgment the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended. Exceptions might lodge, perhaps, against the terms of the purchase of the Hornaday collection in the Museum. This collection is called a gift to the Institution, but the provisions of the gift imply that it was not wholly so. It seems that by the terms of the contract with Hornaday, the authorities of the colleges accepted a large collection of skins of animals and birds, said to be worth \$5,000, with the stipulation on the part of the donor that one Ward, and he only, should "mount" the specimens at a price agreed upon, which was for the specimens finally accepted, about \$3,100. In answer to the inquiry of your committee, regarding the acceptance of a "gift" of this kind, the reply was made, "that Ward was the only man in the United States capable of doing the work." If such were the case, your committee were unable to see the necessity for the terms of the contract.

Specific reports of expenditures of the several appropriations made by the Twenty-first General Assembly are appended hereto as a part of this report.

In answer to the second inquiry in the resolution, viz: "whether

they have been expended for the object appropriated," we would answer that they have.

Answering the third inquiry:

Your committee state that no indebtedness in excess of the appropriations has been incurred.

In answer, specifically, the fourth inquiry, we find no division of money from the specified purpose for which it was appropriated.

The following changes have occurred in the employees since the report made by the Board to the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, not filled.

Chas. D. Jameson, Prof. C. E., salary per year, \$3,000.

Orville D. Wheeler, C. E., gone.

John C. S. Leader, error of printer left out salary, \$950.

Chair of Demonstrator of Chemistry and Toxicology, now filled by F. A. Halton, salary as listed.

Lecturer of Insanity, Dr. Albert Reynolds, salary as listed.

A. O. Hunt, Prof. of Dental Chemistry, draws the salary of "Demonstrators in Charge" in addition to his regular salary.

The fifth inquiry has been answered in the general statements preceding specific enumerations of questions and answers.

Sixth. There are no mechanical appliances for fire escape, and your committee would recommend that authority be given the Board of Regents to provide means (if deemed necessary) for the Medical building.

Seventh. The sanitary conditions are good. The site is on high ground, with steep descent immediately in the rear, affording good drainage, if natural conditions are taken advantage of. The water supply is abundant, the buildings are well warmed and generally well ventilated and the buildings and grounds are in good condition.

Some of the buildings are in need of repair, notably is this the case in regard to the Medical buildings. Other buildings will also require attention in this respect. In the opinion of the committee a considerable sum of money could be used to great advantage in the proper and needed repairs of the College buildings.

A building for the use of a Chemical Laboratory is among the pressing needs of the Institution, arising out of the largely increased growth of this department. Apparatus for Chemical and Physical Laboratory are much needed.

Extra appropriations over the amount of ordinary receipts from the State were itemized to us as follows :

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| Repairs and equipment medical and chemical laboratory..... | \$ 1,500 |
| Apparatus, etc. chemical and physical laboratory..... | 5,000 |
| Apparatus, engineering chair..... | 2,000 |
| Books for library..... | 8,000 |
| Cost of extending present chemical laboratory..... | 3,000 |
| Chairs dental department..... | 1,500 |
| Lecturers dental department..... | 1,000 |
| For enlarging and repairing hospital..... | 8,000 |
| Additional lecturers college department..... | 1,500 |
| Repairs to buildings..... | 5,000 |
| Contingent fund..... | 3,500 |
| Drainage..... | 1,500 |
| | \$41,500 |

CAUSES OF INCREASED ANNUAL EXPENSES.

1. Hitherto the President has had a large amount of work as Professor of Political Science. He has not had the time to give attention that was demanded to the departments other than the collegiate, much trouble naturally resulted and frequent complaints about the University were made. The new President, it is true, acts as Professor of Chemistry in the Medical Department, but at the same time he devotes the principal portion of his time to the management of the University as a whole.

2. Owing to the growth of the University, better and more instruction is demanded. To provide for this it is intended to add another Professor in the Law Department.

3. The work in English has been very largely increased, requiring a professor and an assistant, where before this year only one-half of the time of a professor was occupied.

4. The work in Physics and Chemistry has been also extended. Much more laboratory practice is now given. Two years ago their work was done by one professor and one assistant. It now requires two professors and two assistants, besides the President as already mentioned.

5. The Civil Engineering Department is now in excellent condition, so far as the force of instruction is concerned. It was found, however, to be absolutely impossible to get the right sort of a man for the former salary, and a considerable increase was necessary.

The salary formerly paid was not sufficient to attract anything better than a student just out of school, with no practical experience.

6. Owing to the release of the President from the Instruction in Political Science it was necessary to employ some one else to do that work, and an additional professor was appointed.

Your committee desires to express the thanks for the attention and efficient aid given them in their labors by the President and Faculty.

N. V. BROWER,

For the Senate.

J. F. THOMPSON,

For the House of Representatives.

I concur in all of the above report except those portions referring to the moral surroundings of the University, and the words of commendation for the Regents for their actions in regard to the changes in the faculty. On these two subjects, I must dissent from assuming an affirmative position, basing my action on the grounds that I did not consider either of those subjects as coming fairly under the scope of our investigations as ordered by concurrent resolution under which we were appointed. I have *opinions* on these two matters not in harmony with the balance of the committee, but they are simply *opinions*, and I would not seek to give them the weight which they would obtain by being incorporated as a part of this report. I would, however, say distinctly that I should not consider it right to hold the Institution responsible for the moral surroundings whether they be good or bad, as I cannot see that it is to blame therefor.

JAS. A. SMITH,

On part of the House.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

Report of the balance of the State appropriations made by the Twentieth General Assembly, and the appropriations of the Twenty-first General Assembly, for the State University of Iowa, prepared at the request of the visiting committee of the Twenty-second General Assembly.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| Working apparatus and special appliances | \$ 1,235.35 |
| Afterwards expended as follows: | |
| Warrant 6670—Plants | \$ 35.13 |
| Warrant 6679—Carpentry | 5 00 |
| Warrant 6688—Carpentry | 8.10 |
| Warrant 6696—Herberene | 6 00 |
| Warrant 6697—Microscope | 25.75 |
| Warrant 6698—Mounted birds | 15 00 |
| Warrant 6789—Optical instruments | 10 99 |
| | \$ 105.97 |
| Warrants 227, 238, 408—Hornady collection | \$ 1,235.35 |
| | \$ 1,235.35 |

This money was all expended for the purpose contemplated by the appropriation.

STATE APPROPRIATION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
CHAPTER 68, PAGE 86, LAWS 1886.

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| Appropriation | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Paid as follows: | |
| Dental faculty | \$ 3,195.00 |
| Medical jurisprudence | 100 00 |
| German | 100.00 |
| Collegiate salaries | 13,162.50 |
| Law department | 2,150.00 |
| | \$ 18,707.50 |
| Balance was required to pay general miscellaneous bills due by the University, and for that purpose was added to the "general fund," and was all expended for the purpose intended by this act. | |
| Balance | \$ 1,292.50 |
| | \$ 20,000.00 |

DENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| Appropriation | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Ledger, 851—Expended to June, 1887, for chairs and general appliances in the dental department | \$ 904.93 |
| Ledger, 463—Expended for dental apparatus in dental department, from June, 1887, to Jan. 4, 1888 | 1,096.90 |
| Ledger, 463—Balance unexpended Jan. 4, 1888 | 58 17 |
| | \$ 2,000.00 |

STATE UNIVERSITY, 1888.

Estimates of the receipts and disbursements for the biennial period from June, 1888, to June, 1890.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1888-1889.

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| Interest | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Tuition | 17,768.00 |
| State endowment | 28,000 00 |
| Total | \$ 61,768.00 |
| Estimated receipts for two years | 123,536 00 |

ESTIMATED EXPENSES, ONE YEAR.

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| For salaries— | |
| Collegiate | \$ 31,575.00 |
| Law | 7,900.00 |
| Medical | 7,900 00 |
| Hon. Medical | 3,535 00 |
| Dental | 4,300.00 |
| Officers | 3,600 00 |
| General appropriations | 23,301.07 |
| Total | \$ 87,211.07 |
| Total two years | \$ 174,422 14 |
| | 123,536 00 |
| Excess of expenses over income for two years equals | \$ 50,886 14 |